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OUR CLIMATE.

The Albuquerque Commercial Club has made a wise move in manufacturing a campaign for the advertising of the peerless climate of Albuquerque as a specific for tuberculosis.

There has never been any doubt that the climate is not very great asset. The most confirmed knothole who has refused to admit that we have anything else in this country worth while has always admitted that nothing can be said against our climate and that it is an asset in itself which if properly used will make us permanently famous.

There are of course other cities in New Mexico which have approximately as good a climate. Many of them, like Silver City, are making the most of it; advertising it far and wide and bringing in eastern health-seekers to make over into well and vigorous New Mexicans. But no other city in the southwest—admittedly Nature's great sanatorium—has the strategic combination of all the essentials to be found in Albuquerque. We have the ideal altitude, the ideal accessibility, the ideal dryness; the ideal weather, and best of all we offer the health-seeker a pleasantly situated, healthy, modern city to get well in; we offer him not only the climate but all the other conditions of environment without which climate, however healing, is more or less a failure as a curative agent. We have good markets with fresh and wholesome things to eat at moderate cost as compared with anywhere else in the Rocky mountain region; we have the best equipped sanatoria and hospitals, and afford the cure-seeker the aid and encouragement of modern science; we offer him a splendid outdoor country with something in the way of recreation in our mountains, on our mesas and our valley with roads to motor on, woods to hunt and camp in, streams to fish in; we offer him best of all the advantages and amusements and employment that are to be found in a modern city "with all the comforts of home." To appreciate how much better time a health-seeker can have getting well in Albuquerque than elsewhere in this part of the country it is only necessary to look over the list of other cities eligible. A man doesn't have to become an exile and bury himself from civilization to get the advantages of Albuquerque's climate.

Not the least important of our local advantages is the fact that Albuquerque is situated in a thirty-mile-square zone that is drier than any other spot in the high country, and that the central Rio Grande basin is surrounded on every side by mountain ranges which give it a unique protection from weather experienced semi-occasionally in other parts of the state. Any part of New Mexico is a good place for the health-seeker—Albuquerque is by far the best.

In taking up this campaign Albuquerque has a great responsibility as well as a privilege. She must discourage the hopeless camps those who come as a last resort, to die in the southwest; those who come without money to become a burden on the community and unable to secure the treatment which they should have. There is no magic in the air which will raise the dead or the dying. Those who come in time it will heal and give a new lease of life. Those who cannot get well in the humid east can get well here. These things should be made clear and plain in all the advertising matter that is sent out from this city. Let us, moreover, bring no man here until we know there is a place for him; let us be sure to keep our facilities for accommodation and for treatment up with and ahead of the demand. If we do this we can make Albuquerque famous from coast to coast as a health resort and bring into this city a class of men who will help build up the city and the country.

ANOTHER POINT OVERLOOKED.

Referring again to the recent communication of the attorney general defending the position of the state loan commission in seeking to force the investment of \$149,000 in school money in the highway bonds, it might not be amiss to call the attention of the attorney general to another point which he overlooked.

Based on his assertion on one percent difference in interest between

the highway bonds and investments proposed by the treasurer, Mr. Clark said it would amount only to \$1490 requiring to state that in the twenty years the bonds are to run this would aggregate about \$25,000 enough to build several rather commodious school buildings. As a matter of fact the difference in interest runs as high as two and a half per cent.

Placing it at two, this would be a total in twenty years of \$50,000—which would go a considerable distance toward erecting the splendid new high school building now going up in this city.

All of which strengthens the Herold's argument to the effect that the state loan commission has made an exceedingly poor showing for the investment which it is attempting to enforce, by reversing the plain intent of the law and using a negative instead of a negative power in regard to the disposition by the state treasurer of the school funds in his hands.

THE WILD TURKEY.

The Silver City Independent says the wild turkey is one of the wonderful game birds of this continent, both as to size and delicacy of eating. Wild turkey shooting was at one time a great attraction in the south, but today the portions of the United States in which the wild turkey can be found are few and far between.

The mountains adjacent to Silver City are still the home of the wings of these birds, as the specimens brought in by different hunters attest. The wild turkey will not last many years if it is not given the full protection of the law and moderation exercised in hunting it. It is to be hoped that citizens generally will bear this in mind, so that the royal sport of wild turkey hunting may long remain one of the attractions of this section.

WHAT IS AN OPTIMIST?

Although optimism has been in the world for thousands of years, the word itself is but two hundred years old. Its originator, Leibnitz, used it to express his belief that this is the best of all possible worlds, but today it is used by people to proclaim that they are looking on the bright side of things. The definition of the word is given by a speaker at the Silver City Chamber of Commerce banquet: "optimism is quite apropos," says the Silver City Enterprise. He defined an optimist as one who, being handed a lemon by fate, proceeds to make lemonade out of it during his journey through life. Not bad, that.

A SOFT SNAP.

Running a newspaper, says a state exchange, is a soft snap. All the publisher has to do is to be able to discuss the tariff and currency measures, write poems, report weddings, describe greens, umpire a baseball game, referee a prize fight, saw wood, describe a fire so that the readership may be interested, minister to the afflicted, fight to a finish, set type, mould opinions, sweep the office, and stand in with everything and everybody. And that isn't half. But it's a cinch, just the same.

Speaker Clark says he didn't cut out the Baltimore banquet because Bryan was there but because he had something else to do, and because many statesmen dir their graves with their teeth. The inference is quite clear: it seems we have heard something in the effect that on a number of occasions, at least as regards the presidential grave, Mr. Bryan used his tongue.

The traveling auditor reports that he has made the flattery and gratifying, not to say edifying, discovery that there is no official rotteness in McKinley county. We should take courage. There are now three unoccupied counties, the grand juries of San Miguel and Eddy counties having furnished a clean bill for the other two.

Douglas the Kentucky statesman who went after his gun to shoot holes through the Washington attorney knew that someone would hold him. And how. Kentucky has been vindicated again, eh.

A Milwaukee judge has held the eugenic law unconstitutional. About time they commenced putting a damper on this business of trying to reform nature by freak legislation.

Mr. Mercado says Mr. Ormeo is the cause of all the trouble. We have not been able to get near enough to Ormeo to get a statement that Mercado did it.

Passengers entering New York harbor on the steamer *Prinz Eugen* a few days ago were treated to a rare sight—a mirage of Manhattan upside down. Ever get that way?

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JABS**IN THE SOLAR PLEXUS**

By YON YONSON.

A Bird-Fest.

The nightingale our ears would win. The lark sings in the glen; but there's more music these days in the songs of the hen.

—Cincinnati Enquirer.

Bird sounds are pleasant to the ear. Could one wish better than

The song of a duck.

—Youngstown Telegram.

For duck or peacock hen or lark, songspur and such and sole.

While some are charmed with day or dark.

The coming of the squab.

—New York Sun.

The nightingale the duck, the quail Are all enchanting visitors,

The it's the song of the rook That gives our soul the terrors.

—Houston Post.

Let other birds sing out their heart.

This selection is charming;

No such joy as when you're near A chicken out walking.

—Quaker Quips.

(From the Philadelphia Record.)

Warping for joy is the quintessence of pessimism.

Every woman has shed enough tears to float a more worthy ambition.

The devil has given many a woman a diamond ring to take the place of a prospective halo.

Many a big man has just as small thoughts as the elephant whose mind is centered on a peanut.

Beating the devil around the stump is apt to give one vertigo of the morals.

—THE GALLUP Independent announces the purchase and installation in this office of a new "Punching Machine." We have written to find out where you get them and how much they cost. One of the benefits wants in this department is a Double-Deck Action Self-Slapping Non-Slapping Punching machine that can sit on a man and have it punch him all around the office and out the door.

—PARAGRAPHERS are getting gay with the New York Evening Journal for stating that a woman died of sepsis of the liver. We presume she belonged to some cirkosity, or she belonged to some cirkosity, or she belonged to some cirkosity, just to assist this rebele just to survive.

Making It Fast.

A mahogany skin for the hull of the cup defender? Why not slippery skin?—Chicago Tribune.

Slippery skin is all right, but couldn't you have it rash-bottomed?—Cleveland Plain Dealer.

A banana skin hull would make it slide all over the office. Great mistake, that slippery—but you got to use a curb bit on it.

CLOVIS is going after a pickle factory. If Clovis starts one you can bet there will be more than fifty-seven varieties.

LAS VEGAS is boasting of having bows blinding in her front yards in February. Shoots—they never stop blooming in Albuquerque.

A BALD-headed man in Peabody is suing for divorce because his wife sent him a comb and brush for Christmas. It seems to us that any reason he may have left.

SENATOR J. Ham Lewis is a member of the commission for safety at sea. Next to seeing him command a ship during a storm, it would be worth living a lifetime for, to see him serving as a lighthouse.

IT IS A GOOD rule to believe only half of what you hear, but it takes a son to know which half is the right one.

NOW COMES Senator Reed and declares that water is a better drink than either beer or grape juice. Evidently here is one gentleman who has adhered to the H-2-6 vehicle all these weary weeks.

—E. D. J.

Central Rio Grande Valley Has Dryest of New Mexico's Dry Climate

New Mexico, a vast section of that part of the United States known as arid or semi-arid naturally owes its aridity or semi-aridity to the fact that it has very little rainfall as compared to the humid eastern states.

A curious feature of the rainfall of the state is the fact that it is probably smaller in the central section of the valley of the Rio Grande than in the north or south.

This fact is due to the peculiar situation of the central valley in the physical contour of the state.

Metereological conditions which have been thoroughly studied make Albuquerque the center, roughly speaking, of an "island of dryness" in the central part of the state which may be said to be approximately thirty miles square.

These peculiar conditions were explained in detail by W. A. Glassford, Lieutenant in the signal corps of the United States army in a report in 1906 to the war department upon the climate and rainfall of New Mexico, chiefly with regard to irrigation problems. This report is on file among public documents at Washington.

In this report Lieutenant Glassford shows by detailed records of rainfall in the state, that high plateaus and mountain ranges to the east and to the west of the Rio Grande valley practically absorb all the moisture from the humid winds, leaving the central valley to get the remains of the rainfall from east and west.

A glance at the map shows that to the west of Albuquerque and the valley are high mesas and a string of broken mountain ranges, reaching off the way to 12,000 feet or more in altitude. These mountains form the continental divide, features of the backbone being, irregularly, the Jemez, Mount Taylor, Zuni, Datil and Black Range with numerous smaller spurs.

On the east another great stretch of high country lies the Santa Fe, Sandia, Manzano, San Andres and Organ mountains forming an irregular chain from north to south, broken on the east by a high plateau breaking up into mesas in the Sacramento mountains, Sierra Blanca and elsewhere.

The valley of the Rio Grande lies thus a sort of gigantic trench between these chains, and between

westerly and easterly slopes.

Condensation of moisture from the humid winds from the Pacific and from those bearing moisture along down southwardly from the Colorado Rockies takes place chiefly around these mountain masses.

The central valley thus lies between two separate and distinct areas of rainfall—but far enough from each to get only the edges of the rains.

The government report goes at great length into the effect of the parallel uplifts in drawing the moisture away from the Rio Grande valley, and detailed data shows that while further north and further south the rainy areas overlap considerably, the Albuquerque district, comparatively speaking, escapes them both.

The "left-over" rain that the Albuquerque district receives amounts to from eight to ten inches annually.

It will be seen that this is considerably less than an inch a month.

To go deeper into the meteorological condition which exempts this city from the bulk of the rains, Lieutenant Glassford explains that in winter when the higher slopes carry more or less snow, condensation of moisture from the wet winds occurs evenly and gradually as they rise by successive steps from the Pacific coast. This is because the snow covered mountains radiate little heat.

"The humid winds from the Pacific," he quotes the report, "are drawn over graduated plateaus and extensive summits, and at each higher step discharge more of their moisture down to the point of saturation.

By the time it overflows the Rio Grande through its last available moisture has been condensed by the heights of the continental divide."

It is stated in this report that the winter rains are confined chiefly to the western divide.

In the summer it is pointed out, radiation of heat from the exposed mountain masses causes skyward air currents, air rushing from all sides toward the summits to take its place. The air is forced to the highest possible elevation and thus undergoes such changes of pressure and temperature that the excess moisture reaches the maximum.

"The mountains practically drain the water out of the air," says the report. "The humid air is lifted with the utmost rapidity to the maximum height" and the rain, on

account of prevailing currents in

the upper air, rapidly meets the earth far to the rearward.

To sum up: In the winter the winds of the north slowly draw them toward the mountains.

In the summer the air in this district is drawn toward mountain ranges east and west where the moisture is precipitated, leaving Albuquerque in the dry zone between.

M. E. church will hold the monthly

morrow.

Marshall, special agent of the

department of agriculture, left

last night for Washington, D. C. to

attend a meeting of the crop report-

ing board of the department.

The heavy iron beam which carries

the concrete from the tower to the

form of the new city hall fell to the

floor this morning when a supporting

metal hook straightened out suddenly.

Luckily the beam, which weighs sever-

al tons, managed to miss all the work-

men who were close to its path.

Repairs to the beam will cost \$50 and delay the concrete pouring a day or

two.

The Ladies Aid of the Lutheran

church will give their monthly coffee

Thursday afternoon from 2 to 4 at

the home of Mrs. Henry Mann, 723

North Fourteenth street.

There will be a regular meeting of

the Masonic social club at the</